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Shark Bay Prawn Fishery Site Visit Scheduled Initial Assessment

MRAG Americas, Inc. announces that the MSC assessment of the Shark Bay Prawn fishery of Western Australia will undertake stakeholder meetings and assess relevant documentation with a visit to the fisheries in October, 2014. **The assessment team will meet in Perth/Freemantle from the 27th to the 31st of October, 2014. In addition, the Team Leader will visit Carnarvon on November 3rd.** The purpose of these meetings is for a fishery assessment and stakeholder consultation to receive information from fishery representatives, government management agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

Some aspects of this fishery may be assessed using the MSC's Risk-Based Framework for small-scale and data-deficient fisheries (RBF; see www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework). For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's RBF, we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the assessment of the fisheries. MRAG will schedule stakeholder meetings to inform the RBF assessment if needed, and will also meet with stakeholders separately if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

Stakeholders may provide input at any time. We ask stakeholders who wish to meet with the team to make the request for a meeting by 5pm GMT on 20 October. The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders> and a template for stakeholder response available at http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input. You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fishery is available at: <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/in-assessment/Indian-ocean/shark-bay-prawn/shark-bay-prawn>

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